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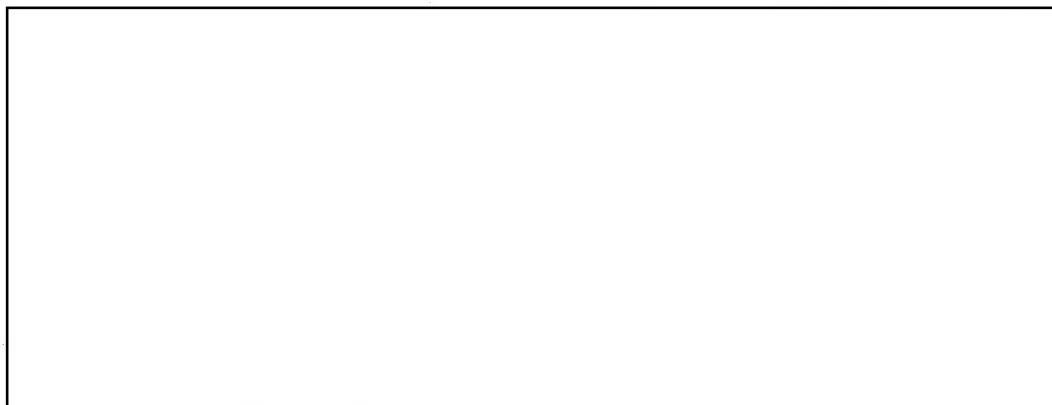
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Order of Battle.

1. Reports received during the period from 1 July to 1 August 1952 revealed no changes in the general OB in Eastern Germany.

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2. The following units in the Soviet occupation zone of Germany, with their [REDACTED] permanent locations and dates of observation were confirmed between 1 July and 1 August 1952:

a. GHQ Units of the Group of Occupation Forces Germany (GOFG).

56th Motor Trans Regt

POTSDALE

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An Engr Regt

BERLIN

24 May

36th Pion Bridge Regt

MAGDEBURG

June

Hq 6th Arty Div

RATHENOW

19 July

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65th Mort Brig (US)	[REDACTED]	RATHENOW	1 June	25X1
18th How Arty Brig (US)	[REDACTED]	RATHENOW	23 July	
124th Hv How Arty Brig (US)	[REDACTED]	BRANDENBURG	9 July	
Hq 34th Arty Div (US)	-	POTSDAM	5 July	
4th AT Arty Brig (US)	-	BERGEN area	8 July	
6th Gds AAA Div (US)	-	CHEMNITZ-AUE area	10 June	
32d AAA Div (US)	-	FRANKFURT/Oder-KUESTRIN	28 June	

b. Eighth Guards Army.

Army Hq	-	WEIMAR-NOIR	19 April	
Hq 13th AAA Div	[REDACTED]	WEIMAR	1 July	25X1
220th Hv Tank SP Regt	[REDACTED]	GLAUCHAU	12 June	
43d (Gds) Army Arty Brig	-	ALTENBURG	2 July	
446th Sig Bn	[REDACTED]	WEIMAR	5 March	
257th Motor Trans Bn	[REDACTED]	WEIMAR	11 June	
An Arty Brig of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps	-	GERA	1 July	
Hq 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div	[REDACTED]	OEDDRUF	4 July	25X1
112th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt	[REDACTED]	PLAUE	11 June	
117th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt	[REDACTED]	MEININGEN	1 July	
120th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt	[REDACTED]	OEDDRUF	29 June	
87th Gun Arty Regt	[REDACTED]	PLAUE	21 April	
15th Gds Engr Bn	[REDACTED]	SAALFELD(?)	4 July	
Hq 20th Gds Mecz Div	[REDACTED]	JENA	30 June	
65th Gds Mecz Regt	[REDACTED]	WEIMAR	16 June	
172d Gds How Arty Regt	[REDACTED]	JENA	4 July	
An AAA Regt of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps	[REDACTED]	HAUMBURG	4 June	
27th Gds Sig Bn	[REDACTED]	HAUMBURG	26 June	
Hq 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div	[REDACTED]	HAUMBURG	4 July	
172d Gds Mtz Rifle Regt	[REDACTED]	GOTHA	30 June	
175th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt	[REDACTED]	WEISSENFELS	30 June	

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128th Gds Gun Arty Regt
 89th Gds Sig Bn
 Hq 21st Gds Mecz Div
 69th Gds Mecz Regt
 70th Gds Mecz Regt
 A Gds Sig Bn of the 21st
 Gds Mecz Div

GOTHA	16 June	25X1
HAUMBURG	4 June	
HALLE	29 June	
HALLE (?)	23 June	
HALLE	21 May	
HALLE	24 June	

c. Third Shock Army.

Army Hq
 136th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt
 Hq LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps
 An Arty Brig of the LXXIX
 Mtz Rifle Corps
 594th Mtz Rifle Regt
 597th Mtz Rifle Regt
 64th Gds Mecz Regt
 10th Gds RL Regt
 Hq 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div
 283d Gds Mtz Rifle Regt
 74th (Hv ?) Tank SP Regt
 199th Gds Gun Arty Regt
 Hq 18th Mecz Div
 59th Mecz Regt
 60th Mecz Regt

MAGDEBURG	19 June	
BURG	23 June	25X1
STENDAL	23 May	
ROSTOCK	4 July	
STENDAL	12 July	
STENDAL	12 July	
HILLERSLEBEN	24 April	
SCHWERIN	12 July	
SCHWERIN	24 June	
HAGENOW	20 June	
SCHWERIN	15 May	
WISMAR	7 May	
PERLEBERG	21 June	
LUDWIGSLUST	1 July	
PARCHIM	23 June	

d. First Guards Mechanized Army.

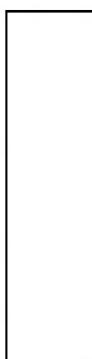
Hq 8th Gds Mecz Div
 19th Gds Mecz Regt
 20th Gds Mecz Regt
 64th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt
 1st Gds Tank Regt
 350th (?) How Arty Regt

GRIMM	26 April	25X1
LEIPZIG-SCHNEIDAU	16 April	
WURZEN	6 March	
LEISNIG	7 April	
BORNA or GRIMM	26 May	
ELLENBURG	10 June	

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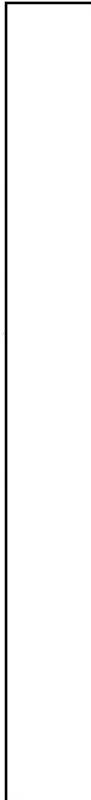
23d Tank Regt
 108th Tank Regt
 70th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt
 40th Gds Tank Regt
 44th Gds Tank Regt
 45th Gds Tank Regt
 7th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt



OSCHATZ 19 March
 RIESA 15 March
 RIESA 5 March
 KLOTZSCHE 21 April
 BAUTZEN 22 April
 KALLENZ 21 April
 DRESDEN 23 March

e. Second Guards Mechanized Army.

Army Hq -
 2d Light Arty Brig (US) -
 Hq 9th Gds Tank Div
 A Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of
 the 9th Gds Tank Div
 33d Gds Mts Rifle Regt
 A Tank Tng Bn of the 9th
 Gds Tank Div
 Hq 12th Gds Tank Div
 48th Gds Tank Regt
 49th Gds Tank Regt
 66th Gds Tank Regt
 71st Gds Hv Tank SP Regt
 226th Mort Regt
 205th Engr Bn
 37th (?) Rec Bn
 59th Tank Tng Bn (US)
 Hq 1st Mech Div
 219th Tank Regt



FURTHENBERG 13 July
 ORANIENBURG 21 May
 HOUSTENLITZ 26 June
 NEUMARLIEDENBURG 25 May
 PASEWALK 8 May
 NEUDRAZDENBURG 1 May
 NEURUPPIN 1 July
 NEURUPPIN 27 June
 NEURUPPIN 20 June
 NEURUPPIN 27 June
 NEURUPPIN 27 June
 NEURUPPIN June
 SITTENAU 16 June
 NEURUPPIN 2 July
 NEURUPPIN June
 DOBERNITZ 29 July
 DOBERNITZ 4 April

f. Third Guards Mechanized Army.

Army Hq -
 An AM Regt of the 62d
 AM Div (US)
 117th Arty Regt



FORST ZINNA 14 July
 KUMERSDORF (?) 4 July
 ALDROHN 23 April

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Hq 14th Gds Mecz Div
 49th Gds Mecz Regt
 10th Tank Regt
 Hq 6th Gds Tank Div
 78th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt
 Hq 7th Gds Tank Div
 Hq 9th Mecz Div
 69th Mecz Regt
 70th Mecz Regt
 80th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt
 692d How Arty Regt

JUETERBOG	21 June
JUETERBOG	21 June
JUETERBOG	21 June
WITTENBERG	4 July
WITTENBERG	23 June
ROSSLAU	June
COTTBUS	22 June
COTTBUS	9 May
COTTBUS	27 May
SPREMBERG	3 June
COTTBUS	7 May

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g. Fourth Guards Mechanized Army.

312th Gds RL Regt
 51st (?) Mtrcl Regt
 Hq 6th Gds Mecz Div
 16th Gds Mecz Regt
 17th Gds Mecz Regt
 240th Gds Mort Regt
 34th Tank Tng Bn
 Hq 7th Gds Mecz Div
 84th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt
 Hq 25th Tank Div
 83d Gds Hv Tank SP Regt
 A Tank Tng Bn of the
 25th Tank Div
 Hq 10th Gds Tank Div

EBERSWALDE	17 June
EBERSWALDE	21 February
BERNAU	1 June
BAD FREIEN- WALDE	15 June
EBERSWALDE	5 June
EBERSWALDE	5 June
BERNAU	28 May
FUERSTENWALDE	13 July
FRANKFURT/Oder	11 July
ORANIENBURG	25 May
PRENZLAU	16 June
ORANIENBURG	10 June
KRALPHITZ	11 July

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Transfers.3. WUENSDORF-ZOSSEN-JUETERBOG Area.

There are indications that the Command Echelon of the GOFG which moved to the area of WUENSDORF-ZOSSEN is quartered in the installations of Camp ZOSSEN and the adjoining underground installations,

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Maybach I and Maybach II, which were occupied by the German Army High Command during World War II. The Panzertruppenschule in WUENSDORF was apparently occupied by administrative offices. The Hq of the Third Gds Mecz Army left its temporary quarters in Neues Lager, Jueterbog, and moved to the Adolf Hitler Camp south of FORST ZINNA in early July.

The 199th Light Arty Brig of the Third Gds Mecz Army which apparently had to vacate the Eisenbahnpionier Kaserne in REHAGEN-KLAUSDORF for the 2d Gds AAA Div of the GOFG was transferred to the area of JUETERBOG in July.

4. Area of the Second Gds Army.

The 33d Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 9th Gds Tank Div moved to the area of FUERSTENBERG from PASEWALK in mid-July. The Kavallerie Kaserne in PASEWALK which had been vacated was occupied by the VP in late July.

Training and Field Exercises.

5. Division Training.

A number of the divisions were still confirmed in their previous training areas in July [redacted]. As no major movements from any of the training areas, either by rail or road were seen, the location is rather definitely believed to have remained the same as in June. Numerous battalion exercises were reported in addition to intensive individual training and training at squad level. Cooperation with tanks, artillery and engineers was observed in an increased number of instances. Close observation of units engaged in exercises revealed that attack was the principal problem with emphasis on immediate readiness for defense against counterattacks as well as ruthless pursuit. Snipers in trees were immediately employed in combat in woods even during attack. No practice of units simulating defense was noticed.

On the basis of the report on the OB of the Soviet ground forces in June 1952, the individual training areas are believed to have been occupied in July as follows:

Area of the Eighth Gds Army.

OHRDRUF: No change. A new tent camp west of the ALTES LAGER in OHRDRUF, which was occupied by units [redacted]

[redacted] of the Eighth Gds Army, was reported in mid-July. Individual units of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps probably were temporarily in OHRDRUF for practices in July.

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KINDEL: 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div and 220th Lv Tank SP Regt. As previously, the troop training grounds was not occupied to capacity. A training area for tanks and infantry was located in the BERKA-MIHLA area and on wooded hills to the east.

LOSSA: Elements of the 21st Gds Mecz Div. The corps troops of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps, which had been predominantly observed in KINDEL in June 1952, were repeatedly seen in LOSSA in July 1952. A permanent telephone line from LOSSA to the headquarters of this corps in NAUMBURG tended to indicate that the corps was assigned this training area for the summer of 1952. Quartiers and approach roads had been improved further. The principal quartering area was between the WIEHE-LOSSA and WIEHE-BURGENDEN roads, and the firing ranges were farther southwest in the BURGENDEN area.

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Area of the Third Shock Army.

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REATH: The units confirmed there in June 1952 continued to be identified there up to the middle of July 1952

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The newly built camp in the area of JAEVENNITZ was apparently occupied by elements of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div.

WITTSTOCK: The 18th Mecz Div was still confirmed in the area of WITTSTOCK in mid-July.

Area of the First Gds Mecz Army.

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BRUECK: Army troops of the First Gds Mecz Army without engineers and of the 11th Gds Tank Div were confirmed

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As only rear details were reported from the posts of the 8th Gds Mecz Div in LEIPZIG and GRIMMA on 10 July 1952, it is believed that this division was still stationed in KOENIGSBRUECK in July.

ZEITHAIN: On 11 July, motor vehicles belonging to the First Gds Mecz Army were reported between ZEITHAIN and the post of the 9th Gds Tank Div in RIESA. It is therefore believed that the division was still stationed there in July.

OTTERWISCH: The occupation had decreased in mid-July. As only about 120 soldiers are observed and as this training area is small, the significance of the area cannot be compared with that of the other troop training grounds.

Area of the Second Gds Mecz Army.Area of
NEUSTRE-

LITZ: The 2d Light Arty Brig (US) of the Second Gds Mecz Army allegedly was in the SPICK-GRANZIN area and not, as previously, in the PEUTSCHEL forest. The bulk of the 9th Gds Tank Div and the 1st Mecz Div and the bulk of the 12th Gds Tank Div were at their posts in late July and early July respectively, while elements practiced in areas close to their posts and in ALTEMARBOW.

Area of the Third Gds Mecz Army.

Area of

JUETERBOG: The bulk of the 6th Gds Tank Div and the 14th Gds Mecz Div were confirmed there until mid-July 1952. AAA units of the 6th and 7th Gds Mecz Divs and 25th Tank Div of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army were in JUETERBOG for firing practices during the period from early June to late July 1952.

Area of

WEISSWASSER: The 9th Mecz Div was confirmed in late June 1952. Information received until mid-July 1952 indicated no changes.

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Area of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army.

Numerous trains carrying special units returning to TEMPLIN and LIEBEROSE from other training areas revealed that the units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army were still at these troop training grounds. A new troop camp was under construction near VIETMANNSDORF in the area of TEMPLIN. A new branch line was scheduled to be built from VOGELSANG to the camp. *

Special Exercises.

6. a. Artillery.

After a reshuffle of units in mid-July, strong elements of the 6th Arty Div including the 25th RL Brig were still confirmed in ALTEN-GRABOW until late July. Movements probably of the 12th Lv How Arty Brig (US) of the 6th Arty Div between BRANDENBURG and ALTEN-GRABOW and vice versa were observed during the second half of July. A brigade of the 34th Arty Div (US) started returning from ALTEN-GRABOW to POTSDAM in late July. As no elements of the other heavy artillery units of the two rifle armies which had been confirmed there in June were reported departing, it is believed that they were still stationed there in July.

During the first days of July, artillery units, mortar units and RL units arrived in ALTEN-GRABOW, coming from the training areas.

Elements of the following units were identified

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[redacted] as they were unloaded:

Eighth Gds Army: The unidentified Arty Brig of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps, the 87th Gun Arty Regt of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, the 172d Gds How Arty Regt of the 20th Gds Mecz Div, the 94th RL Regt (US) of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps and a mortar unit of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div.

Third Shock Army: A rocket launcher unit of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps and an artillery unit of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div.

First Gds Mecz Army: A rocket launcher unit, probably of the 8th Gds Mecz Div.

Second Gds Mecz Army: A rocket launcher unit of the 9th Gds Tank Div.

Third Gds Mecz Army: Elements of the 199th Light Arty Brig were at ALTEN-GRABOW from 3 to 16 July 1952.

Fourth Gds Mecz Army: One artillery unit each of the 6th Gds Mecz Div and the 7th Gds Mecz Div.

At least elements of the aforementioned units returned to their permanent training grounds or posts in mid-July 1952. Other elements of these units subsequently arrived in ALTEN-GRABOW and some departed again as early as late July. [redacted]

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[redacted] it was possible only to determine that they belonged to:

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the 4th AT Arty Brig (US) on RUEGEN Island; the Eighth Gds Army; and the Third and Fourth Gds Mocz Army. Elements of the army headquarters and the 63d AAA Div (US) as well as some not specifically identified units of the Fourth Gds Mocz Army were transported from Eberswalde to the area of ALTENGRABOW on 5 or 6 trains in late July. This transfer cannot be explained.

b. AAA Units.

The AAA units which had been confirmed in ALTENGRABOW in June 1952, were no longer observed in July. Numerous new AAA units of the 6th Gds AAA Div (US) and all armies except the First and Second Gds Mocz Army arrived in ALTENGRABOW on about 20 July and some of them departed again after a stay of about 10 days.

Prior to mid-July, AAA firing at towed sleeve targets was seen almost daily at the WUSTROW AAA firing range. Some of the AAA units stationed in WUSTROW also roated subordinate units in July. Units identified:

- The 2d Gds AAA Div
- The 32d AAA Div (US)
- An u/i AAA Regt of the XXXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps
- The 3d Gds AAA Div of the Third Shock Army
- An u/i AAA Regt of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps
- The 4th Gds AAA Div of the First Gds Mocz Army
- The 31st AAA Div of the Second Gds Mocz Army
- The 62d AAA Div (US) of the Third Gds Mocz Army
- The 63d AAA Div (US) of the Fourth Gds Mocz Army.

Except for the AAA regiments of the 14th Gds Mocz Div, no AAA units of combat divisions were identified in WUSTROW in July. These units apparently practiced predominantly at the ALTENGRABOW and JUETERBOG training grounds. AAA units of the 6th and 7th Gds Mocz Divs and the 25th Tank Div of the Fourth Gds Mocz Army were in JUETERBOG for firing practices from early June to late July.

c. Engineers.

Engineer training in river crossing continued at small engineer training areas and the training areas of the individual armies along the Elbe River. Reports have tended to indicate that the training was performed in phases and, in part, in the form of instruction courses for individual companies and battalions. Following preparatory training on small rivers such as the Saale, Havel, Spree and Neisse, the engineer troop units were transferred to the Elbe River. There, they received training in the construction of ferries, and subsequently bridge building, apparently under the guidance of engineer regiments of the GOFG and armies. The rapidity of the more technique of bridge building was emphasized, sometimes even in the form of contests, and the training

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These instruction courses ended with bridge building which, occasionally, was done within the framework of tactical exercises for tanks and infantry. Numerous rail shipments in addition to observations at the training areas were indicative of the rotation of engineer units. Observations made along the Elbe River from north to south in July included the following:

Beginning mid-July, engineer units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army returned to the TEMPLIN and LIBEROSE training grounds from the RATNIENOW (Havel River) -STEINDAL-ARNEBURG area. Tanks were seen crossing the river near STORKAU and ARNEBURG on ferries of from 4 to 6 pontoons during the period from 10 to 12 July 1952. The crossing near STORKAU was made in conjunction with a tactical exercise practicing the taking and evacuating of a bridgehead from west to east and visa versa.

Engineer units of the Third Shock Army practiced with infantry and artillery units of the 207th Mitz Rifle Div at the BITTKAU training grounds on 14 July 1952. An instruction or command post exercise, involving the 7th Gds Tank Div in LETZLING HEATH and headquarters units of the Third Gds Mecz Army, was simultaneously held farther north in the area near GRIEBEN on the Elbe River. The second phase of the training for engineer units of the Eighth Gds Army which began in mid-July apparently terminated with the building of bridges in the area of DESSAU and AKEN during the period from 15 to 19 July. However, the departure of the units could not be observed. The two engineer regiments of the GOFG are fairly definitely believed to have remained there. Permanent structures have been built in some of the troop camps between AKEN and KUEHRNAU. The completion of a training phase was also observed in the WITTENBERG area of the Third Gds Mecz Army in mid-July. The engineer units returned to WEISSASSER, SPERNBERG and DESSAU during the second half of July, but the bridge building equipment was left at, and additional equipment was sent to, the training area in WITTENBERG. No new information was available on the engineer units of the First Gds Mecz Army which are still believed stationed in the area of MUEHLEBERG.

Individual reports on transportation tended to indicate that the engineer units of the Second Gds Mecz Army which had practiced in the JERICHO area on the Elbe River in June joined their divisions in the area of the armies in early July.

d. Area of RUEGEN Island.

The 4th Arty Brig (US) was still on RUEGEN Island in July. No landing practices were reported during July. Several units, probably the tank and AAA components involved in previous reported landing practices left the island in early July.

e. Area of ROSTOCK.

No reports on this area were received in July. As, however, a retransfer of troops to ALTENGRABOW would undoubtedly have been reported, the unidentified artillery brigade of the LXIX Mitz Rifle Corps is still believed stationed in ROSTOCK.

f. ALtenburg-ZEITZ Area.

The air landing practices were terminated during the first days of July.

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g. Area between RATHENOW and STENDAL.

On about 10 July, units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army embarked upon a major exercise which proceeded in the direction of the Elbe River and toward the ARNEBURG-JERICHO area. On about 10 July, about 15 trains were concentrated in the training area in addition to the troops with tanks, armored scout cars and AT guns and started returning to TEMPOLIN, LIEBEROSE, and BEERSWALDE from the area of JERICHO on 13 July. In conjunction with the engineer practices mentioned in paragraph c, the problem of the exercise may have been a counterattack against an enemy who had penetrated across the Elbe River from the west and was to be repelled. The exercise probably was completed on 12 July when bridgeheads were established by forces from the east. It could not be determined whether the units of the Third Shock Army and the Third Gds Mecz Army which, according to paragraph c, trained on the west bank of the river represented the enemy forces.

h. Area of FINSTERWALDE-DOBRILUGK.

A signal command post exercise began in the FINSTERWALDE-DOBRILUGK area on 12 July and was still under way on 30 July. Headquarters and signal units of the GOFG, the IV Arty Corps, the First and the Third Gds Mecz Army, the Eighth Gds Army and the air force participated. AAA units were also seen in the training area.

Personnel.

7. The rotation of personnel began on about 15 July. *

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The arrival at the crossing stations of KUESTRIN, FRANKFURT/Oder and GUDEN of at least 17 shuttle trains was observed until 27 July 1952. The unloading of these trains was confirmed [redacted]

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[redacted] the majority of these recruits belonged to the 1933 class; others however belonged to the 1932 class. The departure of the 1929 class which is due for discharge was reported only in isolated instances. It is believed, however, that discharges will be made at an increased rate during subsequent weeks.

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Transportation.

10. In July 1952, the operational situation of the East German railroads was normal, although a heavy backlog of more than 1,000 undispatched railroad cars during the first weeks in July was indicative of operational difficulties. Available coal stocks decreased further. On 16 July, a quantity adequate for 12.8 days' operations was available whereas in June 14.3 days' requirements were available.
11. There was a slight increase in rail traffic across the border but it continued to be within normal limits. Special transportation operations were under way during the reported period and included: the vehicle replacement program which started in February 1952; the rotation of personnel which began on about 15 July 1952; the shipment of individual tanks, guns and aircraft from the U.S.S.R. to Germany; and the grain shuttle train program under which a total of 2,102 boxcarloads of grain equivalent to 31,530 tons was shipped to Eastern Germany during the period from 1 to 30 June 1952. The grain shuttle train program is believed to be largely completed. The first trains of former German freight cars began to arrive in Eastern Germany from the U.S.S.R. in late June 1952 as part of the program under which another 20,000 freight cars were repurchased from the U.S.S.R.
12. Railroad construction efforts were concentrated on the construction of the KAROW-BIRKENWERDER section of the Nordring BERLIN. It is not expected that this section will be completed earlier than 15 September 1952 because of a shortage of labor and building equipment. The second construction section which continues the line via BIRKENWERDER, HENNIGSDORF, FALKENSEE and JUSTIZMARK and was originally planned for 1953 was to be started and completed by the second half of 1952. Other important construction projects included: the reconstruction of the second track between GUBIN and FALKENBERG; the reconstruction of the dismantled single track TEMPLIN-PRENZLAU line and of the LIETZOW-BTZ line on RUEGEN Island; and the construction of 15 km of branch lines from VOGELSAEDE to BEBSENSE, and 8 km from SACARD on RUEGEN Island northward. The first project is believed for Soviet requirements in the TEMPLIN troop training grounds area, while the second project is probably linked with the construction of a naval base at the Jasmunder Bodden.
13. In early July, all "heavy-duty" cars with a load capacity of 80 tons were removed from the 15 tank shuttle trains permanently available for the Russians in Eastern Germany. Reports tended to indicate that they will be replaced by a new modern type which has the designation RPyms. Although this six-axle car also has a load capacity of 80 tons, it has a capacity of two tanks because it is 18 meters long and, thus, is more useful than the previous type which was capable of carrying only one tank.

Supply Situation.

14. Available information on the supply situation indicated that the motor vehicle replacement program was continued in June and during the first half of July and the VR continued receiving heavy weapons and equipment. Up to 12 July, about 7,136 new motor vehicles had arrived in Eastern Germany from the U.S.S.R. since the beginning of 1952, and about 4,600 ~~ILLEGIB~~ old vehicles had been sent back to the U.S.S.R. Previous observations indicated that the arrival in Eastern Germany of 1,000 cars carrying military supply goods from the U.S.S.R. was the monthly normal. [redacted]

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recently been learned that this norm was considerably exceeded in May 1952 when 3,058 cars including 1,926 cars carrying motor vehicles arrived. A total of 2,015 cars including 1,497 cars with motor vehicles and 123 cars with tanks for the VP were counted in June. It was noted that only 85 cars carrying ammunition were observed in June as compared with 569 cars in May, 383 cars in April, 133 cars in March and 303 cars in February. Up to 12 July, reports indicated that motor vehicles continued arriving at the previous rate. Military supply traffic in Eastern Germany also increased as a result of the motor vehicle replacement program. Also, there was an increased supply traffic between post and troop training grounds.

15. The former German ammunition depot in KOENIGSTAEDT in the area of GRANSEE was apparently reconditioned for use as a Soviet ammunition depot. The fuel depot in BIESenthal which is believed to be assigned to the Fourth Gds Mocz Army was apparently completed. The construction work on a new large fuel depot with a capacity of about 5,000 cubic meters was continued in MINDORF, 20 km southwest of FRANKURT/Oder.

German Volkspolizei.

16. Tanks continued to arrive for the cadre units of the VP. As far as could be determined, 123 T-34 tanks were shipped from the U.S.S.R. to 22 of the 24 VPDs. An estimated 200 tanks were available to the military units of the VP in mid-July 1952. Each of the VPDs thus had one tank company equipped with 7 to 10 tanks. The recruiting campaign became more successful in July. The strengths of the cadre units is already believed to average more than 3,000 persons. This number was substantially exceeded in certain cases. The total strength of the NVA including military schools is believed to approximate 100,000 soldiers to date. Some of the recruits enlisted with the NVA units were detached to the sea police, the air police and the border police. No accurate information on the number of these recruits is available. [redacted] preparations for the establishment of a Ministry of National Defense were under way. The group in charge of these preparations was said to be located in the building of the Interior Ministry on Glinka Strasse in BERLIN.

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[redacted] the activation of corps headquarters was being prepared. For example, the VPDs in PRORA, EGGESIN, PRENZLAU and FUENFEICHEN were allegedly to be merged into one army corps. The development observed in the NVA since January 1952 has increasingly been indicative that the National Army in Eastern Germany will consist of 24 divisions.

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Order of Battle.

17. The following units were confirmed by Soviet documents:

U/i Sig Regt of the Central Group of Forces

in ST. POELTEN until 25 June

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44th Gds Mocz Regt

VIENNA 17 May

127th Tank Bn

VIENNA 22 May

45th Gds Mocz Regt

TRAISKIRCHEN 1 April

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46th Gds Mecz Regt	KLOSTERNEUBURG	25 March	25X1
15th Tank Regt	BRUCK/Leitha	2 March	
106th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt	KAGRAN	7 May	
Hq 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div	ST.POELTEN	15 May	
284th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt	EISENSTADT	4 May	
344th Gds How Arty Regt	ALLENTSTEIG	12 May	
Hq 23d AAA Div	KORNEUBURG and STOCKERAU	12 May	
U/i AAA Regt	STOCKERAU	23 May	
U/i AAA Regt	STOCKERAU	10 April	

Weapons observed tended to indicate that the 32d Gds How Arty Regt of the 13th Gds Mecz Div was located in KAISERSTEINBRUCH, while the unidentified mortar regiment of this division was stationed in GOETZENDORF.

Training.

18. No complete units were transferred to troop training grounds in July 1952. The training activity observed did not exceed battalion level. In late June and early July in the area south of VIENNA, the 13th Gds Mecz Div conducted a headquarters and signal command post exercise which chiefly involved headquarters of the mechanized units and tank units of this division. Artillery units, AT units and tank units of the 13th Gds Mecz Div were transported by rail to the DOELLERSHEIM troop training grounds. The 8th Gds Engr Bn of the 13th Gds Mecz Div returned to its post in KLOSTERNEUBURG from an engineer training site in the area of TULLN in mid-July.

Miscellaneous.

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Twenty JS-3 tanks were seen entering Camp SPRATZERN near ST.POELTEN which quarters, among other units, the 150th Gds Tank SP Gun Regt of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. This is a further indication that about two companies of the SP gun regiments are now being equipped with heavy tanks.

* Comment. For the location of the individual divisions and the independent units in Eastern Germany and the exact dates of confirmation, see Annex 1.

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Present Location of Divisions and Independent Units in Eastern Germany.

Last date of confirmation in parenthesis.

<u>Group or Army</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>
GOFG	6th Arty Div	The bulk at ALTENGRABOW (26 July)
	4th AT Arty Brig (US)	On RUEGEN Island (18 July)
	34th Arty Div (US)	The bulk at ALTENGRABOW (mid-July)
	2d Gds AAA Div	The bulk in the WUENSDORF-KUMMERSDORF area, elements at WUSTROW (21 July) Elements returned from ALTENGRABOW (27 July)
	6th Gds AAA Div (US)	Only minor elements at the post, elements at WUSTROW, KOENIGSBRUECK, ALTENGRABOW and in the uranium mining area (early July)
	32d AAA Div (US)	Elements at the posts (26 July) elements at WUSTROW (shipments to and from WUSTROW early and mid-July); elements at JUNTERBOG from early June until mid-July, elements at the COTTBUS airfield (16 July)
	U/i Engr Regt	In the AKEN-DESSAU area (18 July)
	36th Pion Bridge Regt	Probably at the training area. 3 km east of ROSSLAU; Rear details vacated the barracks installations of the post (26 July)
Eighth Gds Army	13th AAA Div	Elements from WEIMAR presumably still in OHRDRUF (mid-June), elements returned from ALTENGRABOW (3 July)
	43d Gds Army Arty Brig	The bulk at ALTENGRABOW (14 June)
	38th (?) Army AT Arty Brig	Elements at OHRDRUF by rotation (21 June), elements at KINDEL (mid-July)

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<u>Group or Army</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>
220th Hv Tank SP Regt		Elements at KINDEL (mid-July)
19th Indep Gds Engr Bn		At BAD KOESEN (21 June)
Hq XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps		Probably at OHRDRUF as previously
Arty Brig of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps		At OHRDRUF (28 June); elements moved to ALTENGRABOW (1 July)
316th RL Regt (US)		At OHRDRUF (19 June) and the PLTRIRODA area
AAA Regt of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps		At OHRDRUF (mid-June)
380th Engr Bn		At TEMPLIN (3 July)
39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div		The bulk at OHRDRUF (mid-July) artillery units moved to ALTENGRABOW (3 July); the engineer battalion near DESSAU (28 July)
20th Gds Mecz Div		Elements in the OHRDRUF-CRAWINKEL area (mid-July), the engineer battalion near DESSAU (21 June); artillery units moved to ALTENGRABOW (2 July) units of recruits in JBNA (18 July)
Hq XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps		At KINDEL or LOSSA; the barracks installation in NAUMBURG vacant on 2 July
Arty Brig of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps		At KINDEL (26 June)
AAA Regt of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps		Three shipments from KINDEL to WUSTROW (4 to 8 July)
94th RI Regt (US) of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps		Elements from KINDEL to ALTENGRABOW (2 July)
Engr Bn of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps		Near DESSAU (2 June)
57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div		The bulk at KINDEL (12 July), elements in GOTHA (11 July), the engineer battalion at BAD KOESEN (21 June)

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<u>Group or Army</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>
	21st Gds Mecz Div	The bulk at LOSSA (15 July), the engineer battalion near DESSAU (2 June)
<u>Third Shock Army</u>	3d Gds AAA Div	Elements at WUSTROW (mid-June)
	44th Army Arty Brig	Elements at ALTENGRABOW (mid-June)
	U/i Army AT Arty Brig from BRANDENBURG	The bulk at ALTENGRABOW (17 July)
	15th Gds Engr Bn	In BITTKAU (14 July)
	136th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt	At LETZLING HEATH (6 May); individual vehicles at ALTENGRABOW (14 June); elements at the post (17 June)
	Engr Br. of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps	In BITTKAU (June)
	94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div	The bulk at the posts, elements at the zonal border (16 July); elements of the engineer battalion in BITTKAU (8 May)
	18th Mecz Div	Elements in the WITTSTOCK area (14 July); the engineer battalion in BITTKAU (8 May) AAA Regt at WUSTROW (mid-July)
	U/i RL Regt of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps	At the STENDAL military post (11 July)
	Arty Brig of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps	In ROSTOCK (23 June)
	U/i AAA Regt of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps	Elements returned from WUSTROW (12 July); at LETZLING HEATH (22 July)
	890th Engr Bn	In BITTKAU (14 July)
	207th Mtz Rifle Div	Elements practicing at LETZLING HEATH by rotation; elements of the How Arty Regt at ALTENGRABOW (2 July); engineer and infantry units in BITTKAU (12 July)
	19th Gds Mecz Div	Elements from MAGDEBURG at LETZLING HEATH (27 June), the engineer battalion and AAA units in BITTKAU (14 July)
	136th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt	Elements at LETZLING HEATH (4 July); elements at ALTEN- GRABOW (mid-June)

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<u>Group or Army</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>
<u>First Gds Mecz Army</u>	4th Gds AAA Div	The bulk at KOENIGSBRUECK (10 July), elements at WUSTROW (12 July)
	Engr Units	Probably in the area south of MUENHLBERG on the Elbe River (mid-May); elements in GOERLITZ (until 14 May)
	8th Gds Mecz Div	The bulk at KOENIGSBRUECK (20 June); RL units moved to ALTENGRABOW (4 July)
	9th Tank Div	The bulk probably in the ZLIETHAIN area (mid-July)
	11th Gds Tank Div	The bulk at KOENIGSBRUECK (17 July)
<u>Second Gds Mecz Army</u>	31st AAA Div	Elements rotating between WUSTROW and the post (two shipments each between 16 and 21 July); elements moved to ALTENGRABOW (29 July)
	2d Light Arty Brig (US)	In the area northwest of NEUSTRELITZ (22 July)
	Army Engr units	In the area of JERICHO on the Elbe River (late June); elements at the post (4 July)
	9th Gds Tank Div	The bulk at the posts (24 July); elements presumably in camps north and west of NEUSTRELITZ. RL and AAA units at ALTENGRABOW (early July), the engineer battalion at the post (10 July); the 33d Gds Mtz Rifle Regt transferred from PASIWAJK to FUERSTENBERG (mid-July)
	12th Gds Tank Div	In tent camps near the post (1 July); artillery units returned from ALTENGRABOW (22 June)
	1st Mecz Div	The bulk at the post (21 July) rotation of AT units at ALTENGRABOW (29 to 31 July)
<u>Third Gds Mecz Army</u>	Hq Third Gds Mecz Army	In the Adolf Hitler Camp south of FORST ZINNA since mid-July

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<u>Group or Army</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>
	62d AAA Div (US)	In the KUMMERSDORF and LUCKENWALDE area; elements moved to, (5 July) and returned from, WUSTROW (22 July)
	199th Light Arty Brig	Transferred from REHAGEN to the JUETERBOG area (July); elements at ALTENGRABOW (3 to 16 July)
	91st Gds RL Regt	At the LUCKENWALDE military post (13 July)
	35th Engr Regt (US) and Engr Bns of the Divs	Elements in the WITTENBERG area (15 July); elements at the SPERENBERG military post and/or with the divisions (late July)
	14th Gds Mecz Div	The bulk at the post (19 July); AAA units at WUSTROW between 2 and 10 July
	6th Gds Tank Div	The bulk at VERDER-MARKENDORF (9 July); elements at the post (11 July)
	7th Gds Tank Div	The bulk at LETZLING HEATH (9 July); elements in the BITTKAU area (11 July); and AAA units at ALTENGRABOW between 3 and 17 July
	9th Mecz Div	The bulk at WEISSWASSER (16 July)
<u>Fourth Gds Mecz Army</u>	Elements of the Hq of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army	Transferred to ALTENGRABOW (29 July)
	63d AAA Div (US)	Six shipments to ALTENGRABOW (28/29 July); two shipments to WUSTROW (24 July)
	312th Gds RL Regt	Elements at the post; elements moved to ALTENGRABOW (29 July)
	11th (?) Gds AT Arty Brig	At TEMPLIN (3 July)
	Army Engr units	Probably at TEMPLIN.
	Div Engr units	With their divisions (mid-July)
	6th Gds Mecz Div	At TEMPLIN (late July); AT units at ALTENGRABOW between 3 and 18 July; AAA unit at JUETERBOG between 3 June and 26 July

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<u>Group or Army</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>
	7th Gds Mecz Div	At LUEBROSE (19 July); AT and AAA units as mentioned above
	10th Gds Tank Div	At LETZLING HEATH, Camp DOLLE (early July)
	25th Tank Div	At TEMPIN (3 July); AAA units at JUETERBOG (early June until late July).

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